

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 1797  
DAWSON, Elliott P. et al. )  
Application No.: 10/599,248 ) Examining Attorney: Hobbs, Michael L.  
Filing Date: September 22, 2006 )  
For: Method and Device for the Collection )  
and Isolation of Nucleic Acid )  
 ) Customer No. 23676  
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 ) Pasadena, California

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2009, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this communication.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this communication